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SUBJECT: AL-WAZZAN RICE DEAL

1. AL-WAZZAN REP SHOWED EMBOFF RECENT LETTER FROM MANSOUR M. BEHAOUI, MARKETING ADVISOR, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, STATING THAT A MAJOR EXPORTER IN THEIR STATE HAD 600,000 METRIC TONS WHITE POLISHED RICE FOR SALE AT \$480.50 C AND F ANY PORT. BELIEVE BEJAOUI HEARD OF AL-WAZZAN'S INTEREST THROUGH PREVIOUS USDA YAYV EFFORTS.

2. AL-WAZZAN IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IF THIS TRULY BONA FIDE OFFER AND REQUEST WE FURNISH HIM WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION ASAP:

A) NAME AND TELEX OF COMPANY, B) NAME OF INDIVIDUAL WHOM THEY SHOULD CONTACT, AND C) SOURCE OF RICE (E.G. BRAZILIAN, VENEZUELAN).

3. AL-WAZZAN HAD OPENED INITIAL L/C AT SECURITY PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL BANK, 270 PARK AVE., N.Y. FOR PURCHASE 10,000 MT AND STANDS READY TO AMEND AND EXTEND IT IN EVEN DEAL CONCLUDED, AS WELL AS SUBMIT PURCHASE ORDER ON ADDITIONAL 90,000 MT OR MORE. THE DEAL HINGES ON RICE BEING NORTH OR SOUTH AMERICAN AND SOME NEGOTIATION ABOUT PRICE.

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4. REQUEST USDA DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH BEJAOUI AT

LEWIS CASS BUILDING, LANSING, MICHIGAN AND GIVE US
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 2 THIS MESSAGE
ASAP. AL-WAZZAN WILL THEN DIRECTLY CONTACT SELLER.
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